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### Chairman CDA hosts reception for Foreign Environment Journalists.



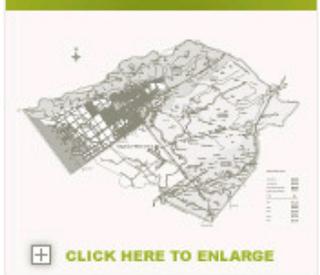
**Islamabad, March 30, 2010:** Concrete efforts are being made to make the Islamabad Environment Friendly model city of the country. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) is making hectic efforts for rehabilitation of the existing water supply system and the planning to bring additional water from Ghazi Barotha Dam is in advance stage to overcome the existing shortfall and to meet future water needs of the city. These views were expressed by the Chairman CDA, Imtiaz Inayat Elahi, while addressing a reception hosted for a delegation of foreign journalists working on environmental issues. The journalists representing different media organizations of the India and United Kingdom (UK) are on the visit to Pakistan to participate in a regional workshop on "Sharing Our Resources: A Vision for Addressing Cross Border Water Scarcity Caused by Climate Change". Members of the CDA Board and other senior officers of CDA were also present on the occasion.

Chairman CDA apprised the delegates that we are having an excellent solid waste collection mechanism but facing problems for treating and segregation of solid waste. He said that CDA has planned modernized solid waste management system, which would be in-place soon. He said that Islamabad is the only planned city of the country blessed with close proximity to the

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nature. He said that CDA has a long journey of coordinated efforts to transform a barren land into a green city. He said that CDA, in collaboration with the partner organizations, is managing the Margalla Hills National Park Area (MHNP) spread over an area of 31,142 acres enriched with 616 species of plants, 250 of birds, 38 of mammals and 13 species of reptiles.

The Chairman CDA said that Islamabad is the first city of the country which has taken solid steps for introducing the concept of rain water harvesting with the view to improve the underground water availability. He said that CDA is making necessary amendments in its bylaws to make it mandatory for all the households to have in-built rain water harvesting system to conserve water. He said that CDA has introduced system of penalties to overcome the problems of water wastage. He said that awareness campaign involving the children and youth has been launched to promote the cause of water conservation. He said that CDA is executing Clean and Green – Islamabad campaign to increase the tree cover in the federal capital. Under this programme more than 2.4 million saplings would be planted in three years. He said that focus is being given to planting the indigenous species of trees especially the fruit trees. He said that as the Federal Capital – Islamabad is celebrating 50th year of its establishment, a comprehensive Golden Jubilee Tree Plantation Campaign has been launched. He said that every household of the city has been provided with two saplings to encourage the participation of the residents in these celebrations.

Chairman CDA, Imtiaz Inayat Elahi said that the Capital Development Authority has developed 129 small parks, and play-kid areas, 5 major parks and 9 sub-urban parks to provide recreational facilities in addition to developing one complete Sector F-9 as a Central City Park. More than 34 play fields and sport centres for different games have been developed to provide sports infrastructure in the city. He said that all the markets have been provided with sit-outs to facilitate the visitors.

The Chairman CDA said that CDA is taking initiatives to preserve the Green Character of the city, revive the natural flow of ravines and streams flowing through the federal capital and preserve the wildlife species of the Margalla Hills National Park Area. He said that a state-of-the-art Zoo is being developed over an area of 80 acres with the cost of Rs.1408 million to provide educational and recreational facilities to the residents of the twin cities and the people visiting the federal capital. He said that the under construction Marghzar Zoo would be equipped with latest facilities to provide natural habitat for the different species in addition to providing the research component. He said that CDA is now focusing on even handed development and to develop the stalled sectors of the federal capital.

Speaking on the occasion, Indian **journalist, Keya Acharya** and British **journalist** Alex Kerby on behalf of the visitors appreciated the CDA for developing and maintaining the city on modern lines. He thanked the Chairman CDA for hospitality.

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